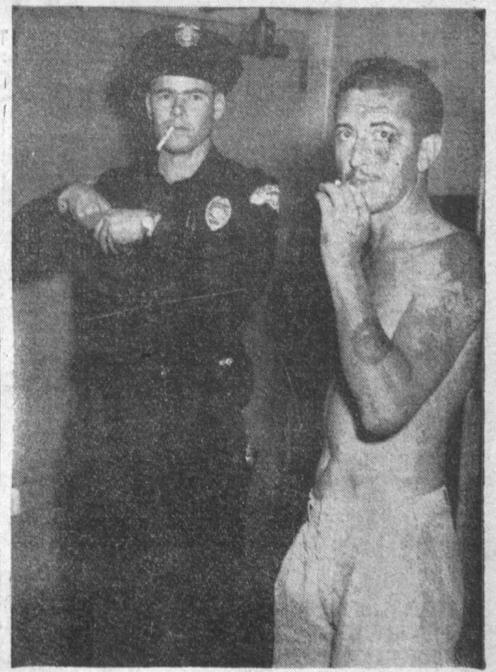


# HUSBAND ASSAULTS WIFE WITH BROKEN WINE BOTTLE



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### BOY TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF

A North Torrance boy, apparently despondent over a quarrel with his father, shot himself in the left side with a .22 calibre rifle early Sunday morning in the bedroom of his home.

He was released from Harbor General hospital Monday following treatment of a serious bullet wound.

"I a bum shot," the boy allegedly exclaimed when found by his 12-year-old sister and a neighbor couple. His parents were away at the time of the shooting, according to police.

A note addressed to his mother read in part:

"The devil will get me, but I am bad anyway. Tell my girl friends I like them a lot."

While rushing the boy to the hospital, the ambulance was involved in a collision with a car at Normandie ave. and 208th st. The youngster, however, escaped further injury.

### Identification Cards Issued Press Boys

Torrance newsboys have been issued identification cards which they will carry with them when making their monthly collections.

Boys should not be paid unless they show their identification card which are intended to protect them as well as our readers.

The wallet-size white card carries a picture of the boy, a serial number, and the carrier's name.

Every resident within our circulation area is entitled to a free copy of The Torrance Press. The money given our merchant newsboys is for their services only. The boys keep whatever money they collect. Payment is strictly voluntary, as is the amount which you wish to pay. When paying be sure you are paying the boy whose picture appears on the identification card and also ask for your receipt.

### School Budget Adopted Here

The 1955-56 school budget totaling \$4,978,895 was adopted Tuesday night by the Board of Education. The 1954-55 budget totaled \$3,379,833.

### Oil Drilling Request Denied

Request of Tom and Ellen Willacy for a variance for three oil wells at Narbonne Ave. and 240th St., was denied last week by the Los Angeles Planning commission.

## Local Mountain Climber Heeds Lure of Matterhorn

A burning ambition to scale the Swiss and Italian Matterhorn one day has been taking a firm hold of an adventurous young Torrance man.

He has wanted to do this since he was a boy when he heard stories about his mountain-climbing ancestors who were killed in the attempt.

These are the thoughts of Leroy Arnold, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lucius Arnold of 1615 Crenshaw ave.

Since he can remember Arnold has been hiking, climbing, and exploring ever since he can remember. As a youngster he hiked in the Palos Verdes hills. While in the South Pacific with the Navy, he explored the jungles of Samoa and scaled Mt. Matafao, the island's highest mountain.

When he came out of the Navy, he joined the Sierra club, Ski Mountaineers, and the National Speleological Society.

Climbing of any sort appeals to him—caves or mountains, land or underwater cave explorations, snow or rocks.

Close Calls And, like most men who battle the challenging and sometimes dangerous forces of nature, Arnold has had a number of close calls.

The most hair-raising experience happened when he and a friend, Ed Barnes, 18, of Los Angeles, were coming down a steep cliff near Keyhole Cave in King's Canyon.

Arnold was the last of the two to come down when suddenly his anchor rope slipped and he started to fall. He hit a protruding rock, spun off the rock, breaking a rib in the meantime, and continued to roll.

He hurtled toward Barnes, who caught him in his lap. Unable to hold him, Barnes lost his own footing and the two continued down until they hit

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### Leash Law Violators To Be Fined

Agencies and individuals responsible for enforcing the leash law have been asked to deal strictly with all violators, according to action taken by the City Council last week.

If a dog is picked up for the first time, owners must pay \$1.50 fine and 50 cents per day's lodging at the South Bay Humane Society.

Second offense costs \$2 plus lodging, and third violation calls for a court citation.

South Bay Municipal Court judges have been asked to slap a steep fine on violators by the City Council.

Dogs running around loose may be reported to the South Bay Humane Society, FR 2-8100.



EARTH AND SEA are his province... Leroy Arnold, 32, of 1615 Crenshaw Blvd., finds his greatest satisfaction climbing mountains and exploring caves, on land or below the sea. He is now carrying out a dream which began when he was still a child.

### COLORFUL CIRCUS SET FOR SATURDAY

Circus wagons will be rolling into Torrance park early Saturday morning, August 6, to set up tents and concessions for the Torrance Recreation Department's second annual circus.

All concessions will be open to the public during the afternoon hours with the circus acts in the big tent to take place in the band shell beginning at 8 p.m. Torrance park is located at Arlington ave., near Sepulveda.

Lou Bereskin, drama supervisor (Turn to Page 3)

### Alondra Park Development Announced

Plans for the development of additional recreational facilities at Alondra park were revealed in a public sign-posting ceremony held there yesterday.

Announcement of what would be done with \$143,225 in the present budget was made by Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

Among improvements listed were the following:

Better circulation system for the swimming pool; play apparatus; concrete bulkheads along the entire lake and 6-foot sidewalks; sidewalks and curbs along the lake dam; development of the island for model boat racing and as a "treasure island" with a museum type building or recreational facilities; picnic area; day and night camping facilities; and sports area (13 1/2 acres).

## Oil Field Law Goes to Council

An oil field ordinance, which appears like a combination of victory and defeat, was ordered drafted for consideration by the Torrance City Council next Tuesday.

The ordinance will go quite a way toward eliminating sumps and safety hazards but will leave the wooden derrick problem virtually unanswered.

One of the proposed provisions calls for the removal of wooden derricks from wells which have been abandoned or have been inoperative for a period of two years.

Technicality While many wells do not pump for long periods of time, derricks may technically continue to stand as long as the wells are activated even for only a few days during a two-year stretch.

On the brighter side of the ordinance are the provisions regarding sumps. A few temporary sumps will still be permitted until such time as adequate disposal methods are worked out.

Three such systems have recently been introduced or are (Turn to Page 3)

### Building Activity Hits All-Time High

July proved to be another top building month in Torrance, bringing the total for the year to \$28,633,219, which is \$8 million ahead of last year's total at this time, according to Walter Bradford of the Torrance Building Department.

Building activities for July totaled \$5,161,558, as compared with \$3,279,039 for July 1954.

The city is on its way to surpass even last year's all-time high of \$45 million in building activity, according to department officials.

Biggest tract for the month was presented by the DonFarran corp., west of Palos Verdes Blvd., in southwest Torrance. It contains 142 homes, valued at \$1,747,660.

Permits for two tracts were taken out by the Ellinwood corp. One tract, with 95 houses, is located north of Palos Verdes Estates in the Palos Verdes-Riviera section, and is valued at \$1,206,300. The second is near Ocean ave. and Hawthorne Blvd., containing 29 homes valued at \$491,000.

The Grand Construction co. took out permits for 51 houses near 166th and Casimir ave. Houses are valued at \$587,680.

### RABID DOG PICKED UP

A black and brown mixed Doberman, suspected of having furious rabies, was picked up in the 1600 block of S. Catalina street in Redondo yesterday afternoon. The animal is at South Bay Humane society where it is acting vicious and gnawing on the bars.

### Announce Dedication Of Armory

A gigantic parade, featuring a massive display of military manpower and equipment, will mark the dedication of the Torrance Armory on Saturday, October 8, according to Capt. Douglas Horlander, head of the local National Guard unit.

The parade will start at 12:15, followed by flag raising ceremonies at the Armory, located at Lincoln and Cabrillo aves. Open house is set from 2 to 5 p.m. and a community dance will begin at the guard building at 8 p.m., the captain said.

Guard Day

Horlander stated that the second Saturday of each October will be proclaimed as National Guard Day, and that the local guard group will stage the parade annually.

He also disclosed that Governor Goodwin J. Knight and Senator Richard Richards are expected to be present for the dedication, along with Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, City Councilman John Gibson and Richard Newton, field representative for Supervisor Burton Chase.

Floats Three local industrial sponsors (Turn to Page 3)

### New NHS Principal Appointed

Herbert Morey, of 2617 W. 168th st., Torrance, was named principal of Narbonne high school this week, when the Los Angeles City School Districts sent 104 appointments to the Board of Education for approval.

Morey, a graduate of Occidental college, has been with the City School since 1927.

He was first promoted to principalship in 1951 when he was named head of Jordan high school in Los Angeles. He has been principal there since that time.

Present Narbonne high school principal Earl Barnett will assume the principalship (Turn to Page 3)

## Children Look On in Horror

A husband attacked his wife with a wine bottle Monday night, breaking it over her head and then assaulting her with the broken end, thus climaxing a disagreement over who would fix dinner and how it was to be fixed, according to police.

Booked at Torrance police station for assault with a deadly weapon was Howard Weber, 36, of 2074 Middlebrook, Torrance.

Rushed to the hospital for treatment of slashes on her forehead, arms and hands was his wife, Geneva, 24. Her condition was said to be "good" Tuesday.

Argued Over Dinner Weber, according to Officers Wally Nitz and Russ Clawson, would not let his wife fix dinner because he claimed she did not know how.

Weber is said to have had a few drinks at the time. When his wife came into the kitchen Weber allegedly took the wine bottle and broke it

over her head, continuing to slash away at her. Mrs. Weber threw her arms up to protect herself, backing out the kitchen door in a trail of blood.

She ran around the side of the house trying to reach a neighbor. When she did not find anyone home, she staggered to the front lawn of her home where she sat down in a state of shock.

Another neighbor who was watering the lawn nearby heard the woman's screams and rushed over. She asked what was wrong and then quickly notified police.

Weber's two step-children, a boy, 10, and a girl, 9, witnessed the whole scene and rushed out the front door. They are being cared for by relatives.

When officers arrived, Nitz administered first aid to the woman, while Clawson went after Weber who met the officer at the door.

"Did you do this?" Clawson asked the man.

"Yes, I did," Weber replied. He then led Clawson to the kitchen where the episode took place.

Weber is an employee of the Torrance Water department. On his way to the police station, Weber told the two officers that his wife beat him continuously.

"I guess I won this time," he said, matter-of-factly.

### BOY STRUCK BY AUTO

Suffering back injuries, a 5-year-old boy was taken to Harbor General hospital Thursday after being struck by a car in front of 2134 Del Amo Blvd., according to Torrance police.

Robert Garcia, 5, of 2131 Del Amo Blvd., was hit by a car driven by Emma May Greer, 16, of Redondo Beach.

Miss Greer told police that she had stopped to let some other children across the street. As she started up again the boy ran from behind a parked car, Miss Greer said.

### HERE'S THE EVIDENCE



BIGGEST, BEST, AND LAST fish caught was this 30-lb. salmon hauled in by Dr. Donald Tompkins of 1417 Post ave. while on a fishing trip to Campbell River, British Columbia. Dr. Tompkins caught 30 smaller salmon and 48 trout prior to this one. It took about 30 minutes to reel in the one above.



CITY OFFICIALS were out in force Monday to break ground for the new city hall and police station to be built on Torrance Blvd. between Maple and Madrona aves. Helping Mayor Albert Isen turn the first official spade-full was Yolanda Goldsmith, the new Miss Torrance. Others (l-r) are: George Powell, planning director; George Stevens, city manager; Marion J. Varner, architect; R. E. Payne, general contractor; Harriet Leech, city treasurer; Councilman Victor E. Benstead; John Russell, building superintendent; Councilmen Nick Drala and Willys Blount; William Mason, planning commissioner; Councilman Mervin M. Schwab; and A. H. Bartlett, city clerk. Construction is expected to be completed in eight months.

### McMahan's Expansion Program Under Way

Announcement of the expansion of McMahan's Furniture store this week came as one more bright prospect in the strengthening and development of the downtown business district.

R. J. McMahan, president of McMahan's Furniture store in Torrance, revealed that a long-term lease has been negotiated with Carney Emmett, local property owner. This lease includes the present store as well as the corner building located at 1300 Sartori ave. (across from Safeway).

Expansion This expansion program includes the extensive remodeling of the face of the building and the corner location on both El Prado and Sartori. Both the expansion and remodeling will greatly enhance the commercial beauty of downtown Torrance. McMahan's expansion and remodeling program is in line with the current facelift which other downtown firms are undergoing, such as California bank and Torrance Plumbing and many others.

Special Sale In conjunction with the present activity, McMahan's is holding an expansion sale which is currently in progress, according to O. R. Trueblood, local store manager.

General contractor of McMahan's present building project is H. M. (Marty) Widrig, South Bay contractor and Designer Manning E. Roeder, local resident.

The work is expected to be completed in 30 days.